

Summary
October 17, 2014
Water Supply Coordination Council Meeting

The WSCC is intended to coordinate activities of the Agency, WAC/TAC and other parties as necessary and to report on same pursuant to the Sonoma County Water Agency's September 15, 2009 Resolution #09-0871 to commence and continue development of new water supply projects, plans and strategies to meet the reasonably expected future water demands for the agency's water contractors. The WSCC makes no policy decisions. This WSCC summary is intended to disclose WSCC discussions with the WAC/TAC and other interested parties.

Attendees: Efren Carrillo, Dennis Rodoni, Mike Healy, Jake McKenzie, Grant Davis, Jay Jasperse, David Guhin, Chris DeGabriele

1. Review Summary of Last Meeting (July 25, 2014)

A summary of the July 25, 2014 WSCC meeting was reviewed.

2. November 3rd WAC/TAC Meeting

The agenda for the Water Advisory Committee and Technical Advisory Committee scheduled for November 3, 2014 was reviewed. Dennis Rodoni noted that he would appoint a nomination sub-committee for WAC Chair/Vice-Chair at the February 2, 2015 WAC/TAC meeting. It was also noted that the February 2, 2015 WAC/TAC meeting will include an agenda item reviewing the Urban Water Management Planning Process.

3. Water Supply

a. Water Supply Conditions

Grant Davis reported that Lake Mendocino holds just over 29,000AF and Lake Sonoma 143,500AF.

b. Temporary Urgency Change Order

Grant advised that PG&E is embarking on a project to replace stoppage valves in the Potter Valley Project penstocks, which may interrupt diversions out of the Eel River into the east fork Russian River from November 1st through March 15th. The reduced diversions will take Federal Energy Regulatory Commission authorization and could total up to 25,000AF. It was noted that had this planned maintenance work been known by SCWA, a modified Temporary Urgency Change for Upper Russian River flows may have been requested. Grant further indicated that a Press Democrat article on the subject is forthcoming.

4. Mirabel Ground Stabilization – Fish Ladder Project

Jay Jasperse advised that the sheet pile cofferdam has been installed, tie-backs are

now being anchored and a de-watering system is now going in. Grant indicated that the Water Education Facility groundbreaking is scheduled on November 14th and it would be a good opportunity to tour the fish ladder project at that time.

5. Water Bond

Proposition 1 on the November 4th ballot proposes the Water Bond which includes funding for storage. Grant advised that ACWA is establishing a storage subcommittee which the Agency hopes to participate in, advocating for small local storage projects, rather than the large projects at Sites reservoir and Temperance Flat.

6. FIRO (Forecast Information for Reservoir Operations)

Jay advised that work is ongoing with US Army Corps of Engineers, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, USGS, US Bureau of Reclamation, California Department of Water Resources, the Scripps Institute and SCWA to develop pilot programs for reoperation of reservoirs based on weather forecasting. It is hope that Lake Mendocino will be the pilot study reservoir for this effort. Longer term forecasting of weather conditions will ultimately come from this work but short term improvements within the next four to five years should result with better operation of water storage in California and other western states. A meeting of the FIRO steering committee will be held in December in San Diego, coincident with the ACWA conference. Grant noted that the Agency and Corps of Engineers had signed off on a cost-sharing agreement for Dry Creek Habitat Improvements miles two and three.

7. Sustainable Groundwater Management Act

Jay Jasperes acknowledged that legislation has been signed by the Govenor and it is extremely complicated. He advised that a consolidated version of the three groundwater bills has just been issued and it's likely that clean-up legislation will be proposed in the near future. The legislation establishes governance alternatives for priority groundwater basins. Petaluma, Santa Rosa plain, Sonoma Valley, and Ukiah basins are included in the medium priority. The Alexander Valley and Russian River Valley basins may be added. The Governance must be established by June 30, 2017 for medium priority basins. Many options are available to form the governance structure and they are to be locally determined.

8. Schedule Next Meeting

Parties requested to schedule the next meeting in mid/late January prior to the February 2015 WAC/TAC meeting.